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MEMO ENDORSED

September 18, 2021

VIA ECF

Honorable Sidney H. Stein
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007-1312

Re: United States of America v. Sun, et. al, 1:21-cr-00343-SHS

Dear Judge Stein:

We are appointed counsel for Steven Woo. We have received the Court's notice scheduling an initial pretrial conference in this matter for September 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. We write to request that both Mr. Woo and I be permitted to participate by telephone.

Mr. Woo lives in California and is of limited means, as was demonstrated to Magistrate-Judge Cave when she appointed me as counsel. It would be a heavy burden for him to have to travel across the country at the present time in order to attend an initial conference.

I am scheduled to be in Chicago on business on September 30th. While I will easily be available for a telephone conference with the Court, a personal appearance in the afternoon in New York would be difficult.

We thank the Court for its consideration. In the event the Court determines it wishes counsel to attend in person, we still ask that Mr. Woo be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Eric R. Breslin

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Cc: All Counsel of Record (Via ECF)

Defendant's ~~and~~ request to appear via telephone is granted. Defendant and his counsel should dial 888-273-3658, and use access code is 7004275 to join the conference.

**Dated: New York, New York
September 20, 2021**

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sidney H. Stein", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Sidney H. Stein, U.S.D.J.